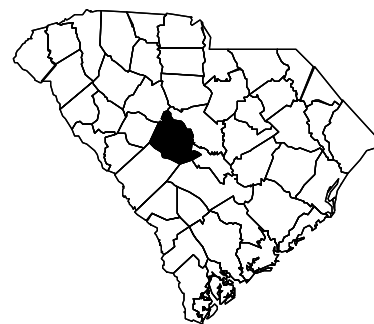


# ASTHMA IN LEXINGTON COUNTY



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## Impact of Asthma in the United States

- U.S. asthma lifetime cases more than doubled from an estimated 6.7 million to 31.3 million between 1980 and 2001.
- Costs for asthma have almost tripled from an estimated \$6.2 billion in 1990, to over \$16 billion in 2001.
- Five million U.S. children are asthmatic, more than the entire population of South Carolina.
- 4,222 people died of asthma in 2001.

## Asthma in South Carolina

- Annually about 264,000 South Carolinians suffer from asthma.
- In 2001, 1.2% (5,785) of ALL hospitalizations were for asthma.
- Asthma claimed the lives of 77 South Carolinians in 2001.

## Impact of Asthma in Lexington County

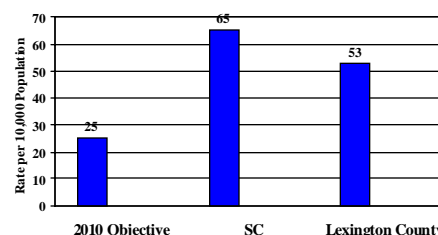
- About 14,976 (6.8%) adults in Lexington county suffer annually from asthma.
- In 2001, there were 260 hospitalizations for asthma in Lexington county for all ages.

## Children Suffer the Most from Asthma

- Asthma/Bronchitis is the leading cause of hospitalization in Lexington county for children under the age of 18.

- In 2001, there were 115 asthma hospitalizations of children (<18 years) in Lexington county.
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma hospitalizations among children under age 5 years is 25 per 10,000 children.
- Lexington county had a rate of 53 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 65 per 10,000 children.

Comparison of Asthma Hospitalization Rates, Children Aged 0-5, Lexington County, 2001

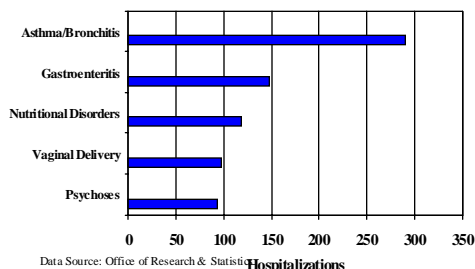


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## Cost of Asthma

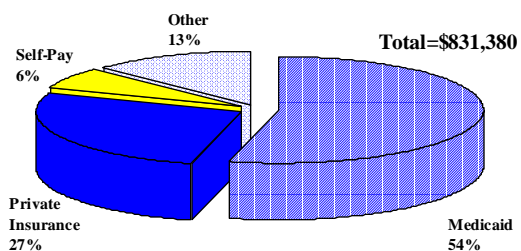
- \$831,380 was charged in 2001 for hospital and ER visits in Lexington county for asthmatic children (<18 years).
- Medicaid covered nearly 54% of these charges.

Leading Causes of Hospitalization in Children Aged 0-18, Lexington County, 2001



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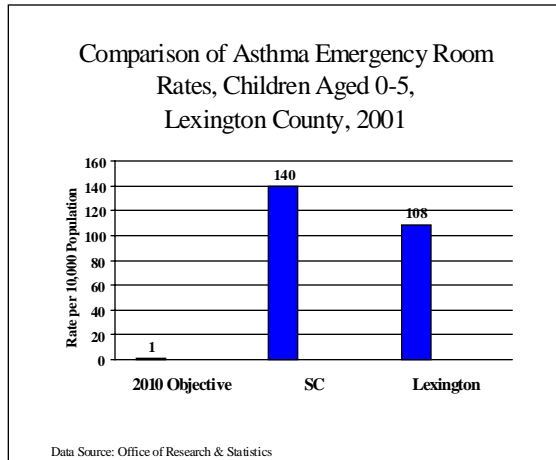
Percent Distribution of Asthma Related ER & Hospitalization Charges of Children Aged 0-18, Lexington County, 2001



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## Emergency Room

- 404 children under the age of 18 visited the ER due to asthma in Lexington county in 2001. This represents 36% of all ER visits due to asthma.
- \$321,340 was charged for ER visits in Lexington county for asthmatic children (< 18 years) in 2001.



- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma related ER visits among children under age 5 years old is 80 per 10,000 children.
- Lexington county had an ER rate of 108 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 140 per 10,000 children.

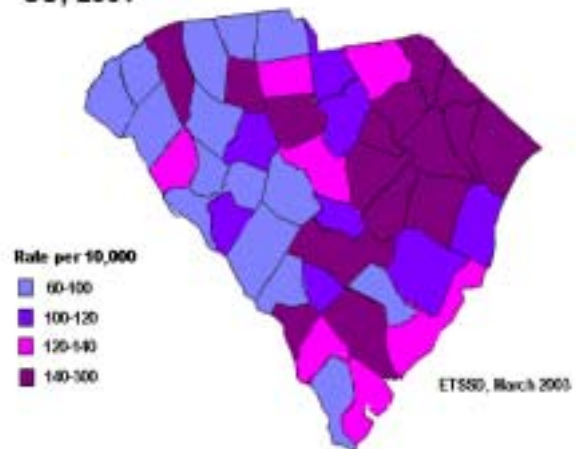


## Disparities

- Non-white children under the age of 18 visit ER much more frequently than white children in the same age group.
- The hospitalization rate for non-white children is almost twice that of white children.

Hospital and Emergency Room Rates per 10,000 Children (<18 years), 2001				
	Lexington County		South Carolina	
	White	Non-white	White	Non-white
Hospital	17.9	30.3	19.2	41.5
ER	43.4	170.2	46.0	155.5

## Asthma Related Hospital and ER Visits Rate for Children Younger than 18 SC, 2001



### For more information on asthma contact:

SC DHEC Data Sources:

#### Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System

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